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REQUEST Application Number 10/568.617 FOR Filing Date February 16, 2006 CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) First Named Inventor Wolfgang PETER et al. TRANSMITTAL 3781 Art I Init MAIL STOP RCE Examiner Name Andrew Thomas KIRSCH COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 60291.000045 Attorney Docket No. ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-captioned application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s) Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final a. Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on i. ii. Other: M Enclosed Information Disclosure Statement (including Amendment/Reply Form PTO-SB/08A and References) Other: Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Miscellaneous 2. Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 CFR. 1.103(c) for a period of __ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.) Other: 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Fees are calculated as follows: AMOUNT Large Entity Small Entity RCE BASIC FEE 810.00 810.00 405.00 One-Month 130.00 65.00 EXTENSION FEES \$ Two-Month 490.00 245.00 Three-Month 1110.00 555.00 Four-Month 1730.00 865.00 Five-Month 2350.00 1175 00 OTHER 0.00 0.00 Check in the amount of \$___ is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to Deposit Account

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